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## Diffie, Parmalee, 32 Below Rock ND Winter Show



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A huge crowd was on-hand at the 77th annual North Dakota Winter Show Friday for the week-end concert that included country music star Joe Diffie and opening acts Parmalee and 32 Below. Here, a raucous crowd of young and old goes wild for a variety of rock and country music by Parmalee. See more Winter Show photos, that include Joe Diffie and more on page 3.

## Baade Named Dispatch Chief

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Barnes County Commissioners have named Rhoda Baade Barnes County Dispatch coordinator, along with authorizing her a \$2 per hour raise.

Commissioners voted to adjust her salary at a commission meeting Tuesday.

Barnes County Emergency Management Director Kimberly Franklin said she wanted to raise Baade's pay rate to reflect the fact she is now coordinating dispatch.

Franklin had been coordinating dispatch since Barnes County took over the service in 2013.

Tuesday Franklin said she was now doing minimal work with 911 dispatch.

Commissioner Phil Leitner said Friday dispatch has been authorized to hire six dispatchers.

Friday Franklin said the department now has six full-time dispatchers, one of whom is still being trained, "so we're using a part-timer while the sixth is in training."

"Baade is now the department supervisor," Franklin said, adding she hopes for a

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## Spring Flooding Chances Low

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The third 2014 spring flooding prediction for Valley City shows a lower chance than normal for any type of flooding by June 8, according to Mike Lukes, service hydrologist for the National Weather Service in Grand Forks.

Friday Lukes said the service is predicting a less than 5 percent chance for major, minor and moderate flooding between March 10 and June 8, based on Thursday estimates.

On average, the flood crest at Valley City appears on April 27.

Lukes said soil moisture southeast of Valley City in Griggs and Ransom County slightly above normal due to late fall /early winter precipitation, while "everywhere else it is on the normal side."

In a normal year, chances for spring flooding are 15 percent for mild flooding, about 9 percent for

moderate flooding and 7 percent for major flooding on the Sheyenne River in Valley City.

The predictions are based on current conditions plus "64 years of records."

There is little snow-pack now, with now major snows predicted in the next week or so.

The snow on the ground is also drier than normal due to it also being a cold winter so far.

At Valley City the minor flooding stage is at 15 feet, the moderate flooding stage is at 16 feet and the major flood stage is at 17 feet.

Historic crests at Valley City were 20.69 feet on April 13, 2009 and 20.66 feet on April 18, 2011. The third greatest crest on record was 20 feet set on April 1, 1882.

Lukes said a late snow melt and late season storms could raise chances for flooding, but at this point, "Things look pretty good."

## Critters on Display at Winter Show



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Ponies, piglets, chickens, sheep and more delighted children at the NDWS 4-H Critter Corral Friday.

## Valley City Bars Can Now Stay Open Until 2 a.m.

Starting Friday, bars in Valley City can stay open until 2 a.m. The City of Valley City met late last year with bar owners and citizens and decided that they would allow bar owners

to stay open to the state maximum time of 2 a.m.

Following the publication of a title and penalty clause in Friday's Times-Record, the new alcohol ordinance took effect, said

Valley City City Attorney Russ Myhre.

The decision to stay open until 2 a.m. is up to each bar owner.

-Heidi Harris